

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An apparatus for voice speech recognition comprising:

voice speech input means for inputting voice speech;

spot information memory means in which for storing information relative to spots is

stored;

storage means for storing for storing object words indicative of spots within said spot information memory means;

computing means for acquiring similarities between the voice speech inputted from said voice speech input means and the object words stored in said storage means; and recognition means for recognizing the voice speech corresponding to one of the object words from the similarities acquired by said computing means[;],

wherein when a plurality of object words are recognized by said recognition means, a limiting word for distinguishing between said plurality of object words is sampled from said spot information storage memory means and stored as the an object word corresponding to said limiting word in said storage means, and

wherein the object word corresponding to said limiting word is recognized as voice speech.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) An apparatus for voice speech recognition comprising:

voice speech input means for inputting voice speech;

spot information memory means ~~in which~~ for storing information relative to spots is stored;

storage means for storing object words indicative of spots within said spot information memory means;

output means for producing a request message urging a user to input said object words; computing means for acquiring similarities between the ~~voice~~ speech inputted from said ~~voice~~ speech input means and the object words stored in said storage means; and recognition means for recognizing the ~~voice~~ speech corresponding to one of the object words from the similarities acquired by said computing means[[;]],

wherein when a plurality of object words are recognized by said recognition means, a limiting word for distinguishing between said plurality of object words is sampled from said spot information storage memory means and stored as ~~the~~ an object word corresponding to said limiting word in said storage means,

wherein the limiting word is produced as the request message by said output means, and wherein the object word corresponding to said limiting word is recognized as ~~voice~~ speech.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) An apparatus for ~~voice~~ speech recognition according to claim 2, wherein said spot information memory means stores, as information relative to spots, a plurality of facility names and detailed classifying information and rough classifying information to which each facility name belongs which are correlated with each other.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) An apparatus for ~~voiee speech~~ recognition according to claim 2,

wherein when the plurality of object words are recognized by said recognition means, a limiting word for distinguishing said plurality of object words is sampled from said spot

information ~~storage~~ memory means and stored as the object word in said storage means, and

wherein when said plurality of object words are distinguished from one another in terms of rough classifying information, only one at a higher level of the object words corresponding to the limiting word is produced as a request voice by said output means and the object word corresponding to said limiting word is recognized as a ~~voiee speech~~.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) An apparatus for ~~voiee speech~~ recognition according to claim 1, wherein said recognition means recognizes an object word with similarity within a prescribed range, acquired by said computing means, as the recognized object word.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) An apparatus for ~~voiee speech~~ recognition according to claim 2, wherein said recognition means recognizes an object word with similarity within a prescribed range, acquired by said computing means, as the recognized object word.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A method of ~~voiee speech~~ recognition comprising the steps of:

inputting speech from an external source via a speech input section;

storing information relative to spots in a spot information memory;

wherein storing object words representative indicative of spots are stored from within said spot information memory; means storing information relative to the spots-[[,]] and acquiring similarities between the voicee the speech input from the external source inputted externally and the stored object words; stored to recognize the voice corresponding to one of the object words; and

recognizing the speech corresponding to one of the object words from the acquired similarities;

wherein when a plurality of object words are recognized, sampling from said spot information memory a limiting word for distinguishing between said plurality of object words; is sampled from said spot information storage means and

storing said limiting word stored as the an object word corresponding to said limited word; in said storage means and

recognizing the object word corresponding to said limiting word is recognized as voice speech.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A method of voicee speech recognition comprising the steps of:

inputting speech from an external source via a speech input section;

storing information relative to spots in a spot information memory;

wherein storing object words representative indicative of spots are stored from within said spot information memory; means storing information relative to the spots[[,]]

producing a request message urging a user to input said object words;

and acquiring similarities between the voice speech input from the external source inputted externally and the stored object words stored to recognize the voice corresponding to one of the object words;

recognizing the speech corresponding to one of the object words from the acquired similarities;

wherein when a plurality of object words are recognized, sampling from said spot information memory a limiting word for distinguishing between said plurality of object words; is sampled from said spot information storage means and

storing said limiting word stored as the an object word corresponding to said limited word; in said storage means[[],]

producing the limiting word is produced as the request message; by said output means and

recognizing the object word corresponding to said limiting word is recognized as voice speech.